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# "So Much to Remember"

## FOREWORD

This booklet, compiled at the request of the Jubilee Committee of Strasburg, is dedicated to the Pioneers and residents of the town and community.

The data was collected by the Strasburg High School pupils under Supervision of Miss Elsie Cooper. No doubt there are errors and inaccuracies, no doubt the names of some of our Pioneers who deserved mention are entirely omitted.

This is retold as some people have considered it important to link the good old days on or before 1905 with the present 1955 when these young folks don't know what they missed. We are deeply indebted to see those who contributed material, or in any way helped to compile this history of all the town. Thank you.

M. Olive Currie.



Strasburg  
Station  
1965



1905 Railroad Construction



Blizzard 1947

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*First House in  
district having  
shingled roof  
(Mr. Karl Mueller)*



*Main  
Street  
1907*



*First  
Lost Mountain  
Valley  
School*



*1st Band  
1908*

## GRANDFATHER'S HOMETOWN

I've never known a man who loved a town, as grandfather loves this one; he can name its every street, and tell you walking down each one in his memory, how each corner came, which shop, or little fountain playing. What folk have lived here, or perhaps have died, and like a gold thread runs through all he's saying, his true respect, his love and honest pride. It's just a simple town, and rather small, like a dozen, you might say, except when grandfather explains it all. It is his love, I think, that teaches me how greatness in the heart and soul and mind ennobles every treasure that we find.

—E. H. Zimmerman.

## LAST MOUNTAIN VALLEY

Our fathers toiled, but in a glorious fight,  
The God of nations led them by the hand,  
With pillar'd smoke by day and fire by night.  
They wrought like heroes in the promised land.  
The wilderness was conquered by their might.  
They made for God the marvel He had planned,  
A land of homes, where toil could make men free.

—Peter MacArthur.

Professor McCoun, an early explorer on a survey expedition for the Canadian Government, sent back in his report the following: There is a block of sixteen million acres that is to my knowledge over ninety percent fit for agricultural and pastoral purposes. On the east, the high elevation known as Last Mountain bounds the horizon, while on the west the shimmering waters of Last Mountain Lake shine in the morning sunlight like a sheet of silver.

Cradled between lake and mountain and nurtured by Mother Nature in all her moods lies Last Last Mountain Valley.

Before 1884 the Cree Indians roamed these rolling prairies, coming from the Touchwood Hills to Last Mountain Lake to fish. They had many meeting grounds from which they sent smoke signals to various Cree bands. One of these was on Beldy Hill, another on the mountain peak.

In 1884 the first white settlers who came to Stresbourg vicinity were the Ladwicks, Klatts, Doeges, Moellers, Schwandts, Hocks, Schroeders, Christolls. The home of Mr. Christoll, where Walter Oehler now lives, became a stopping place for many settlers who were to follow.

It took a week for these settlers to haul their wheat to Qu'Appelle and return with it ground into flour.

The Indians visited the white men, trading fish for bread, or salt pork and on one occasion, an Indian offered his best horse in exchange for the baby of a settler.

Drought, early frost and all the implements of nature were prevalent then too and caused many hardships and much suffering.

Last Mountain Valley proved rich in natural foods. There was good fishing in Long Lake. Numerous wild animals roamed the valley and their pelts furnished welcome income at the trading-post. The bluffs, with which the country is so liberally interspersed to the south and east, gave protection to the animals and men and provided both shelter and fuel for the settlers.

A few large herds of cattle roamed the prairies and knew not the confinement of fences. Nor did they know any other diet but "prairie wool"—nor need other.

Because of the Riel Rebellion there was no further settlement until 1900 when the settlers again filtered in from Europe and Eastern Canada. A few of the settlers' names submitted as coming in this period were the Lundell's, Lohgrens, Hans Erickson. They travelled to Lumsden by train and from there with horses and oxen. Many lived in tents until they built sod shacks.

Excerpts from a booklet called Last Mountain Valley included such reports as—in 1904 W. Schwandt obtained 40 bus. per acre; in 1902 an average of 32 bus.

Mr. Schwandt had nothing but a family of seven young children. He now has a half a section of land, 53 head of high class cattle and 20 horses. He has started two sons on farms of their own, and is now purchasing more land.

Another successful settler is Mr. Karl Klett, who started with nothing in 1885, and is now worth \$20,000.00.

Of the newer settlers, quotations were printed from T. A. Martin of Park River, N.D., who bought a half section, and homesteads for himself and his son George in Tp. 24, Rg. 22.

Mr. Hugh McFarlane, of Park River, N.D., settled here in May, 1903, and remarked that he considered himself better off with his 160-acre farm than with 800 acres in North Dakota. Mr. McFarlane, an uncle of Mr. Joe Warmke, operated one of the first threshing outfits southwest of town.

In 1902 a young Englishman by the name of William Pearson left Winnipeg to see what lay to the West, for the influx of people continually landed in that centre. Mr. Pearson, with Paul Schwandt as a guide, drove with team and democrat over much of Last Mountain Valley and was intensely impressed with the surroundings. He promptly formed the Last Mountain Valley land settlement scheme under the Pearson Land Co. This company, through the Land Settlement Scheme, encouraged people to come into this area. It was advertised as a land with rich black loamy soil varying from six to twelve inches, having a good clay sub-soil which retained moisture well; the plentiful nature of the rainfall, wild game and fishing and pleasure possibilities of the lake. His enthusiasm became contagious and spread to eastern Canada and U.S.A.

In 1904 the company brought settlers as far as Valeport by train and then by steamboat up Long Lake past McKillop's landing to stop at Rowan's Ravine. This was the port for the Sarsbourg area. From Rowan's Ravine, the settlers with their household and farm effects, were transported by teams and wagon, supplied by the Pearson Land Co., to their respective homesteads.

Some settlers camped in Regina, hired teams and set out to choose their own homesteads. These settlers purchased their homesteads by paying 6-20 Dollars per acre. A still greater influx trekked in in 1905 just ahead of the railways.

The steamboat "Welcome" operated on Long Lake in 1905 and was another stepping-stone to relieve transportation into this area. This boat was rebuilt two years later and named "Qu'Appelle".

One cannot single out a pioneer and tell his particular story. We would not deprive him of the pleasure of telling it in his own way, nor could we find any tale more worthy of an attentive ear. There are the tales of their tedious trip here, the building of shacks while living in tents or some makeshift shelter. The monotony of the long, cold winter was broken by occasional severe blizzards; the so-welcomed summer plagued with mosquitoes.

There was isolation to the extent that an occasional settler's wife did not see another woman in weeks. On the other hand, gatherings were held in the homes, be the home so small that the bed had to be taken down and placed outside to make room for the guests. We question if they weren't all visitors in those days, come hungrier for conversation and companionship than for tasty meals that were sure to be set before them. Though it seemed questionably coincidental how often the various bachelor neighbors happened in to partake in both. These people were ever ready to exchange any type of work with the neighbor. Necessity caused the pioneers to invent more than one wrinkle that their descendants proudly display today and can't keep their chests in when they overhear someone exclaiming "You've got something there".

These were brave men, courageous women. "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints, given to hospitality."

These pioneers are the parents or grandparents who passed on to the present generation a rich and enviable heritage. Pioneers, O Pioneers, we salute you!



Partly enthusiastic and hopeful after listening to lecture by the President  
shortly after leaving Sarsbourg



Strasbourg

1865

## HOME TOWN

Often in thought I go up and down  
The pleasant streets of that dear home town,  
And my youth comes back to me.

—Langfellow.

The early German settlers named the town Strasbourg. In German, *Strass(e)* means street or road; *Burg* means mountain. The spelling of the name was changed to French *Strasbourg* in 1914.

Strasbourg situated on S 25, T 24, R 22, came into being in 1905 when steel was laid this far. The railway came from Lipton, The Pleasant Hills branch of the C.P.R. The C.P.R. erected a four-stall roundhouse, employing 12 men. There were two water tanks and four loading platforms. Messrs Wallace & Sproule erected the first building on the site of the present Heavyside store, a few more buildings appeared before the arrival of the railway. The end of the steel made Strasbourg the jumping-off place in the fall of 1905. The influx of people to be accommodated, hastened the building of several business places. "Uncle Bill" Cochrane and Mr. Sayles built the Last Mountain Hotel. Though meant to accommodate 150 people, it frequently housed more. Halls and parlors were filled with cats; sometimes the latest comers were compelled to sleep in chairs.

Because the chief means of local transportation was with horses, Mr. Logan built a stable unique in structure. It was round and though meant to stable 100 head, more were often packed into it.

From July, 1905, to May, 1906, 24 business places were opened and 254 carloads of settlers' effects had been unloaded. By this time, a tri-weekly mixed train ran on alternate days, with the regular passenger train as far as Lipton. One Saturday in the fall of 1907 the agent, Mr. Sewell, sold nearly \$1,100.00 worth of tickets. Within the next two years, Strasbourg, was a bursting business centre. It boasted a chartered Union Bank, a weekly newspaper, daily meals, and train service. It had a Board of Trade, an 18-piece band and was the centre of the Dominion Land District.

The year 1910 saw this burg a thriving metropolis—the largest town from Kirkella to Saskatoon, a distance of 313 miles. Some of the business places were: three general stores with two millinery departments, three hardware stores, two drug stores, two men's clothing stores, two lumber yards, three livery barns, two blacksmith shops, two tin shops, a harness shop, a printing office, two pool halls with a barbershop in each, a bowling alley, a jewellery store, three elevators, a chopping mill, a laundry, a bakery and confectioner's, a butcher shop, two hotels, two banks, and a restaurant.

Judging by pictures submitted, some of the first houses built in town were those now occupied by J. Geib, W. Schofield, J. Hubick, Jr., J. Wolfe, A. E. Dolsen, B. Creswell. In 1906 Mr. Agnew built the spacious house now occupied by Douglasses. Soon followed

houses now occupied by Mrs. Lenery, H. Jennison, B. Jenkins and A. Keyser. The Terrace containing three self contained suites, owned by Lorne Small, settled the housing problem for many families over the years. It was torn down and the lots are those now owned by Ken McKay.

At least as early as 1908 cars had made their appearance with owners Mr. Devine, W. D. McKay, Mr. Little, D. J. McElroy and D. J. Bristone. These were supplied by such dealers as J. A. House Chas. Fox and A. Coes. Mr. Fox bought out Mr. Coes who had converted the Lemon general store into a garage which was burned years later. Beside this garage stood another large two-storey building in which Mapes & Son kept a fine display of furniture on the ground floor, and resided upstairs. Oscar Mapes sold his building and business, including that of undertaker to Len Bennett in 1926. Mr. Bennett moved the store onto Main Street and carried on the business. Later he tore down this building, using the material to build the present Grace Molson home and an office which he sold to Dr. MacIntosh. This office was moved to Lundon for Dr. MacIntosh's convenience there.

The first general store was a tar paper shack owned and operated by Mr. M. P. Lemon. It soon gave place to the two storey building with departments of groceries, drygoods, hardware and machinery. The business was bought by Messrs. Wellband, Scott & Tschopp who built a large brick store on the corner of Main Street and Assinibina Ave. Fires have taken the toll through the years and this store (*The Pioneer*), said by commercial travellers to be superior to many others between Regina and Saskatoon, burned. This site was untenantable until 1949 when Ralph Currie and H. C. Klein built their respective grocery and hardware stores on it.

The first hotel, The Last Mountain, is a history in itself. This building has also served as opera house, general store, living quarters, bowling alley, bus depot and car licence bureau. It served as a centre for Credit Union until last year when that business moved to its new fully modern quarters a few doors west. Since, it has been a shop for a modern plumbing Co., but having been bought by the Co-Op Store Co., it is to be torn down to make room for a new Co-Op Store.

An egg candling station of Canada Packers, ably operated by Mr. Addison serves an expansive territory and brings a deal of business to the town. Other businesses through which Strasbourg thrives are those carried out by five implement dealers, a locker plant, printing office, music hall office, two banking institutions, two barber shops, a hairdresser, watchmaker, a dentist, medical doctor, a blacksmith, two tinsmiths, a lumberyard, two hardware, a grocery and two general stores. The fact that Strasbourg has five elevators, each with an annex proves that it serves a great territory. The rink in winter and the spacious Legion Hall, with dance floor and theatre takes care of the large crowds for recreational purposes.

There are two trains each way from Regina daily, a train to Brandon on alternate days and a bus service Regina to Rose Valley. Moreside's transport travelling from Regina to Mokomin, supplements the freighting problem. The C.P.R. water tank and coal docks situated within town limits, bring many freight trains this way. Strasbourg's area is said to have more trucks than any other rural area in the province. So transportation of any type is not a serious problem.

In 1951 American oil companies tested for oil in many quarter sections throughout this area, brought considerable trade to the town and left behind oil prospects of which some may dream.

Though many modern houses have been built in the town of late years many more farm houses have been moved in. The population remains around 550. There are few sidewalks not paved, fewer streets not gravelled. A drainage pipe to carry excess waters from the spring run off to the big slough west of town is one of the Council's present projects. The power plant then situated in the Munro garage of today once supplied electricity to the town for limited hours. Since 1927 the town has been serviced by the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. The installation of electrical power through our rural areas is all but complete. To honor this Jubilee Year, the Town Council arranged the installation of 11 mercury vapor lights, seven on Main Street and four on Pearson Street - a vast improvement to the main section and a glowing advertisement of a live country town, as one drives in off No. 20 Highway.

## THE COUNCIL

His can't be wrong whose life is in the right,  
In faith and hope the world will disagree,  
But all mankind's concern is charity  
All must be false that thwart this one great end,  
And all of God that less mankind or mend. --Pope

The first governing body known as Strasburg Local Improvement Society No. 12 was formed June 23, 1905 with Herman Schwandt as chairman. The executive consisted of W. McKillop, T. Heseltine, Wm. Schroeder, R. Fox, J. Small and J. A. Howse, Secy.-Treas. Others who served in the following five years were D. J. McKillop, R. Roney, W. Schwandt, J. J. Currie, E. Wood, J. Kelly, D. F. McKechnie.

The Rural Municipality No. 920 was incorporated in 1910 and was called McKillop, after one of our early settlers. The reeves in order of the holding office were H. Schwandt, D. J. McKillop, W. J. Walker, D. S. McElroy, M. S. Anderson, T. R. Bracken and E. Goodfellow. Councilors who served in five consecutive years were A. Flavel, J. C. Smith, T. R. Bracken, D. S. McElroy, M. S. Anderson, John McCuish, W. Kerr, A. Peterson, W. J. Walker, John Flavel, W. J. Morcom, E. B. Goodfellow, A. Coles, H. Verrill, D. F. McKenzie, H. McNab.

The members of the present Municipal Council are Reeve Goodfellow and councilors Crasbie, Davey, McPheat, Mischpeter, Thompson and Solley. Mr. Davey serves in a division served by the late E. N. Woid until his recent death. Mr. A. J. Falconer followed Mr. A. Howse as Sec-Treas., succeeded in turn by S. L. A. Smythe, and C. H. Chapin. Mrs. Ellen Chapin has held this office since the death of her husband in 1948. Strasburg received its incorporation as a town in July 1907, the only incorporated town on the Pleasant Hill branch of the C.P.R. Mr. Henry McKay, owner of W. D. McKay and the owner of the town's first lumber yard became the first mayor. He was succeeded by Mr. Lenon, storekeeper who in turn was succeeded by Mr. L. A. Selby, Lawyer. Mr. W. D. McKay followed and he died posthumously 25 years after which Ken McKay was elected to the office. Mr. H. A. Gustavson, having been elected by acclamation, has held the mayoralty for the past four years. Members of the 1955 council are Roy F. Currie, Wm. Derby, E. Fortman, H. Munro, H. P. Schwandt and W. L. Schwandt.

## THE CHURCHES

Except the Lord build the house;  
they labour in vain that build it

Psalm 127:1

Strasburg and the surrounding communities are predominantly of Protestant faith, served by the following churches: Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and the United in the town. A Norwegian Lutheran and a Baptist are at the Normans and East Mount, respectively. A



St. John's

Lutheran Church ■■■

■■■ Saint George's Anglican Church



Catholic church was built about 1943. As we write this, a Church of the Seventh Day Adventists is under construction. Before these churches were built services were held in the homes of some of the pioneers. Presbyterian services were held in the Edeave School in 1903 and after fire destroyed the school they continued on the farm home of J. C. Martin. Neighbours gathered to form a congregation regardless of denomination. This gathering formed the nucleus of Pengarth Sunday School, with J. C. Martin the superintendent and Mrs. Martin the organist. They were ably assisted by such families as the McGregors, Camerons, Waddells. The Presbyterian congregation met for their first service in the waiting room of the C.P.R. Station. Mr. Duncanson of Clinton Ont. was the student minister and Grace Bishop organist. The Presbyterian Church was dedicated in 1904. The Methodist Church was dedicated Dec. 2nd 1906, with Rev. H. McConnel of Abernethy speaking at the morning service, Rev. K. Palmer in the afternoon, Rev. H. Heathfield in the evening.

Upon Church Union in 1925, a majority of the Presbyterian congregation preferred to remain as they were. The United Church of Canada took over the former Presbyterian Church for its place of worship. Many years later the continuing Presbyterians renovated the original Methodist Church for their Church Home. By 1917 the Methodists and Presbyterians formed a co-operative charge served by Dr. A. E. Whitehouse now of Vancouver. A spacious manse was built the following year.

Rev. C. B. Lawson (deceased), first Minister after Church Union, was followed by Rev. S. D. East (deceased) then Rev. A. J. Lewis, Peterborough Ont., Rev. H. H. Kerley (deceased) Rev. J. Bright of Sheldon Ont., Rev. F. H. Morgan of Regina, Rev. F. Marwood of Moose Jaw, Rev. D. K. Walker of Calgary, Rev. T. Lancelyn of Victoria and D. G. Paxton. These ministers also ministered to the widely scattered pastoral charges of Lake Centre, Southgate and Pengarth in the days of team and cutter religion. At these pastoral charges, as well as in town Sunday School Mission Band, Missionary Societies were formed. Until July 1907, the Anglican Congregation held services in a passenger car that had been acquired when construction began on the present church building and parsonage. It stands at the corner of Valley Street and Assiniboine Ave. The exterior of both has been improved recently after some years ago. Mrs. John Bott (a bed patient in a nursing home in Craven the past two years) was organist in this church for approximately forty years. The present rector is Rev. L. Flowers. St. John's Lutheran Congregation chose Aug. 11th 1907 for the dedication of the church. It was built on land donated by Theodore Moeller. Three years ago the property was sold to Ludwig Reithmeier who has a gas station in operation now. The Lutheran people did not part with the original building until a fine modern church was dedicated in 1952. This with a new manse alongside and on lots on the south side of Main Street just west of the school grounds, is evidence of a large industrial congregation. As always, services are conducted in both German and English.

An active Luther League has been part of the church for many years, perhaps most appreciated by the townsfolk for its thoughtfulness of singing Christmas Carols to the shut ins of all denominations in their respective homes Christmas week. This charge has recently welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Schaeffer into its midst.



Methodist Church  
(Now Presbyterian)  
Dedicated  
1804

East Mount Baptist Church was organized in 1921 and until 1938 services were held in East Mount School. The first Pastor was Rev. J. P. Molberg. The minister upon the dedication of the church was Rev. D. Dinnick. Rev. G. O. Jenkins is the present Pastor. Women's Auxiliary of the Strasburg United Church as well as functioning as an auxiliary, divides its members and invites others into circles. From 12 to 20 ladies meet at their respective homes every two weeks. Results of their efforts, along with proceeds from a joint tea and sale, spring and fall add to a sizable sum. Affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society of this congregation are the C.G.I.T., Mission Band, Baby Band. There is an active Explorers Club as well as Tyros.

The name of the late Walter Hemingway is synonymous with that of the United Church Choir, of which he was the faithful and devoted master for more than 30 years. Miss E. M. Martin is the only member of the original choir who is still in attendance. Mrs. D. G. Petton is choir leader since her husband came minister in July this year. A selective group of singers from all the churches of the town formed a Choral Society under the direction of Mr. Hemingway and in 1926 and 1927 was awarded top honors in the form of a Shield at the Saskatchewan Musical Festival. The accompanist, Mr. Scott Robertson, A.T.C.M., now of Vancouver but originally a local boy was also given honorary mention by the adjudicators.

The anniversary services of the United Church were held October 16th, 1955. At the morning service an electric organ was dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Lavina Mary McKay (his wife, who died a year ago) by Mr. W. D. McKay. Mr. McKay may feel that he too will long be remembered for this truly Christian gesture.

If you want to have the kind of church  
    Like the kind of church you like,  
Put off your quile and put on your best smile,  
    And hike, my brother, just hike,  
To the work in hand that has to be done,  
    The work of saving few,  
It isn't the church that is wrong, my boy,  
    It isn't the church, it's you.

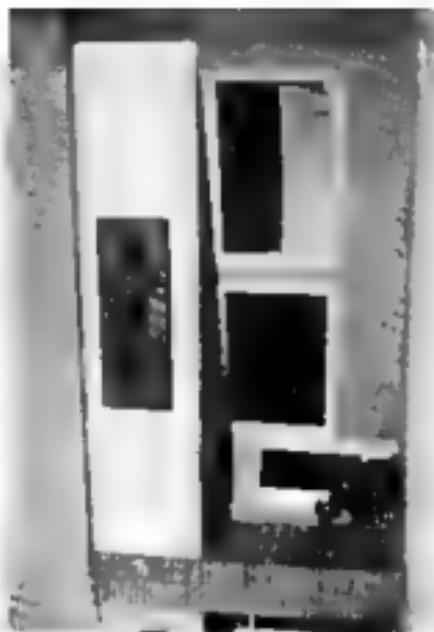
## SCHOOLS

The feet that creeping slow to school, went storming out to play

Whittier

The children of our earliest pioneers attended Last Mountain Valley School No. 98. This was of mud and log construction situated 3½ miles east of town. The first teacher was Mr. L. Wolfe. In May 1906, a meeting of the Last Mountain Valley School district was held in the Gibson Lumber Co. office for the purpose of electing trustees to the Strasburg School Board. Candidates nominated were Messrs. H. McKay, H. P. Devine and Dr. Hotham. This Board was instrumental in building the first school in the town. The late Mr. Howse was the first teacher. By 1910 enrollment was forty-nine under Mr. J. Reid. Due to the rapidly growing district it was decided to replace the old school with a four-room brick construction to cost \$15,000.00. In order to accommodate the ever-growing enrollment, the original Methodist Church was remodelled to house two high school rooms—the original school the third high school room until the other half of the present spacious building was finished in 1930. Mr. W. G. Borland was Sec. Treas. of the high school district for many years, and upon his retirement he was succeeded by A. A. Peters who still holds that office. Enrollment this year is approximately 168. The staff consists of six teachers under the capable principaship of Mr. Wm. Derby, who has held this position for something over 20 years.

Strasburg High school is proud to have seen the Governor-General medal won by the following students: Jean Houston in 1917, Esther Lemery in 1918, Hammond McKinnon 1919, Emile Walter in 1920, Ellen Ross, Grade 11, in 1936 and for grade 12 in 1937, and Doris Beber in 1951. The grade 12 graduating class has after years sponsored a banquet and dance in the hall, to which parents, school board and members of the teaching staff are invited. The high school holds its own annual bonspiel. Members of the 1955 School Board are Messrs. H. Frizzell, E. Strauss, N. Heavside, A. A. Peters, O. Yung.



TOP RIGHT—Strasburg Public and High School  
GREEN LEFT—High School Board 1927  
New Credit Union Building with Mr.  
H. P. Schenck, Manager  
BOTTOM LEFT—Strasburg Fire Engine

HEALTH

The practice of medicine is not a trade or an art or a business.

It is a coating into which you must carry both heart and hand.

Weller et al.

In 1906 D. A. Hothen began his medical practice in Strasbourg there was no boundary to the district. He served so unpaid help until 1908 when he accepted a position in North Battleground Memorial Hospital. Mr. Hothen's name had he placed well to the top of the list of the popular physicians in the district was due to his knowledge, the west and he lived in the upper element after 1918. About 1920 Dr. E. McNease moved to town where he practised for ten years before moving to St. Louis. Dr. McNease physician and surgeon practised here for a few years before 1926 when he moved to St. Louis. Dr. McNease left in the early 1930s from overseas in time to affect his practice in St. Louis during the influenza epidemics. The doctor was not popular in St. Louis the people that are west the R.R. 1918 seeking a hospital care without being paid a salary the regular iron chair was used at a temporary hospital in several weeks under the supervision of Drs. Hothen and McNease and a trained nurse the town and the doctors were asked to pay for the right thing. The earliest help was in private houses the earliest efforts of both doctors and nurses started voluntary payment forgotten in the first year Dr. McNease's practice in St. Louis was here about four years during that time he was able assisted by his wife an R.N. when the need arose. In he soon came to St. Louis with a young surgeon and practised in partnership with Dr. Hothen until 1926. In 1926 Dr. McNease came to St. Louis where he practised for 11 years was during Dr. McNease's stay that our present Health scheme was introduced. Dr. E. McNease upon graduation from medical school opened his present practice some 17 years ago.

A Health Scheme was first organized in 1939. Mr. M. Anderson of Bulwer proposed the plan which resulted in health care for everyone within the municipality. This scheme was published the ad in group discussions in which Bertie Anderson, Dr. McNaught and Mr. Chapman took part. Because this will be his Health Scheme in Canada it was given the name Health Scheme No. 1 of Saskatchewan. A lesser home is so often referred to as the Mell Anderson Health Scheme. It is considered by many authorities as a health plan second to none on the North American continent.

Stratford has never managed to build a hospital but from time to time a resident of the town saw the need and rose to the occasion. Mrs. Branscombe opened her home to accommodate rateably cases in the interim. A few houses and several private nurses answered the call in the six beds as the doctors felt there were needed. About 1918 Miss Hirst, now of Elgin purchased the residence now occupied by the Stevens and opened a two bed hospital. It served well until 1928 when Miss Hirst moved to Manitoba. By this time Mrs. Linstead had opened the D. & M. Hospital residence and there finished the need of nursing care for a few years. In 1931 Mrs. Mary Hins accepted many cases and it was made to do over for her to take care of the 25 people in point of her house as a birthplace. In the late summer Mrs. F. J. Adams said that she would give up her babies and hence was it having the first birth at the residence. By 1946 Mrs. Adams, B.N. moved into town and into her home in a semi-detached residence. This served until 1951 when Mrs. Adams joined the staff at the Victoria Hospital. Upon Mrs. Adams' departure over one hundred mothers held a M. Adams Baby Night in the hall and presented her with a purse. More mothers to be were saddened for they loved her gentleness and courtesy.

At present our town's hospital or nursing care is found in Fort Garry. Not until or Regent Streetbours was ever fortunate to have, besides the resident medical department, a resident dentist. The first has been ten years is Dr. W. H. Irvin. His office was situated over Mathewson's General store. Dr. von Hiltzner, my friend - A Mortimer upon graduating from University of Toronto, left drift the prairies to the quiet part of his father's office building. Upon the death of von Hiltzner - 1898 Dr. Robert Newell took over the practice, settling out to Dr. v. M. Jackson two years later. Dr. Jackson is the only dentist between Regent and Watrous. So to have the 40 hour week is something heard of but not enjoyed. His compact brick office, fully modern equipped, is another attractive building on Main Street.

Among our pioneer doctors the livestock men do not forget the veterinary surgeon, Dr Fulcher, who came to Strasburg, fresh from veterinary college. As an MD answered a call in the name of humanity just as promptly did Dr Fulcher serve the needs of livestock and in a larger area. Perhaps only those who were children in the days of such epidemics as the glanders, can recall how saddened they were when Dr Fulcher was called lest he insist their school pony be disposed of. But no—he pronounced the pony immune and was remembered as something of a miracle man.

Mr E. S. Agnew was the first druggist and built a new drug store in 1907. Mr Cavanagh opened his business in the present drug store. Mr Grah bought out both these businesses and after several years as druggist, sold to Mr Behrens. Mr R. James bought his present drug store and business from Mr Behrens in 1917. Next to our doctors and nurses, have gone many emergency calls to our druggists and they have responded as abidingly; not the least of these is Mr James. Several of our local boys have served their apprenticeship under Mr James.

## SPORT AND RECREATION

In any sport—be a sport.

—CHAB, Moose Jaw

Work and play have ever gone hand in hand.

The early settlers held picnics at the lake, in someone's yard or on the level prairies, where near by could be found some shade trees. People came for miles on foot, on horseback, on stone boats, in wagons, in democrats. Horses and oxen were unhitched and tied to the wheel of the vehicle or the near-by tree. Invariably at least one horse sometimes during the day became startled or slipped its bit shank and bounded off toward home. At that a few led, ever ready to prove the speed of their pony, not to mention their own skill at riding gave chase and soon returned the runaway—it all added to the excitement of the day. The sports program then read Ox race, horseback race, buggy race, wheelbarrow race, suitcase race, not to mention every conceivable novelty race for young and old. Competition was keen in all the jumping and running events. In the day of organizing picnics where a collection was taken, it was freely given back as prize money. Many a youth returned home at night with more prize money in his pocket than he earned at work the day before.

When mealtime came lunches were set out on blankets and clothes spread out on the ground, or if the ladies wanted something more stately, make-shift tables and benches were put up—the table set. Then could her ladyship vie with her best neighbor friend as to who should produce the choicer morsels from that mysterious basket. It was not uncommon for whole roast chickens to appear on the table as if by magic. Supper over, sides were chosen for tug-o-war, then a football game or baseball game lasted until dark. In winter, skaters gathered at the most smoothly frozen slough for skating or a hockey game. As time went on some of the thoughtful souls drew a granary or other small shed to the edge of the slough to serve as a dressing room.

House parties, often a surprise to the host and hostess, were a regular weekly event in the winter months. If the bachelor's shack began to get crowded his bed was taken down and disposed of outside. That made room for a set or a quadrille. If the house contained sufficient rooms, the largest was given over to the dancers, another, often a bedroom, offered a quieter spot for the card players. Just as often, when someone went in to look on and pushed a foot depth of coats and wraps over on the bed, they were startled to come upon one, two or three babies asleep, no one knows how, but asleep. How each mother recognized her own offspring through the dense tobacco smoke remains a mystery.

There was no stint of music for dancing. Each district seemed to have in its own midst some who could play violins, auto harp and other instruments. These musicians played hour after hour and gave of their talent cheerfully and generously. A salute to the pioneer musicians, even at this late date, is not out of order.

The various Sunday schools held their annual Sunday School picnic was held at the home grounds of the late Mr Alex Fraser, from 1910 until 1940 or later. The Strasburg Anglican congregational picnic was held at Huggard's farm

on July 1910. At that the ladies defeated the men in a baseball game. The town ladies overcame the country ladies in a tug o' war. In 1908 Strathroy formed its own football club. This club was active for at least 20 years during which time games were played with Owen, Cobden, Dene, and Lumsden. The Strathroy team formed a league with East Mountain Valley, Mounties and Penetanguishene and two games were played weekly throughout the summer months. A baseball club was formed in the same year. The first game was played against a local club, Cobden, June 5, 1910 in lands of Strathroy. Local enthusiasm poured out considerable money for some pennants in those days, including such stars as Harry Gold and Bill Miller, but gradually the trend was to amateurism and sports day competition. Fairly stalwarts such as Bill Miller, George Martin and Tom Scott, Oscar Meier and Samson kept the ball rolling. In one year enthusiasm was stimulated by Bud Jessenell who threw at twice a ball as you could wish to see. The advent of the Booster Club in 1923 appears to be certain to give baseball the shot in the arm it needs to make interest in this fine sport once again. A 150 by 100 foot field under construction on the Blackstock Street by 1928. It was built by Mr. Thompson. A grand size 14 by 14 ft. was added. This was opened Dec. 21 with a fire engine starting. The first meeting of meeting was held in the old Pearson Land Office as was also that of the young club. Strathroy joined the Central Hockey League Hockey when it was formed in 1923. Competition at that time was for the Anderson Cup. Hockey perhaps reached its peak about twelve years later when George Martin, goal Oscar Meier and me, Addiction defied tangled with such opponents as the world famous Eddie Shore. These games were regular attractions by all "Mac's".

The past winter Miss Derby, Ben Miller and Jim Schwerdt members of the Booster Club undertook to organize three teams of Pee Wee Hockey. Those lads are showing the enthusiasm necessary to produce keen hockey players for the not so distant future. A Junior Hockey team, 14 by 14 ft. March was started in 1928 featuring such numbers as Bob Patterson and Fred Thompson. A few days with training, or just trying them out, and it was built in 1928. The men were older, 16, 18, 20, men and women. Now we have spent the winters right there. The former Bonspiel held since the inception of the last, has been well attended by an open Bonspiel, a ladies Bonspiel and a High School Bonspiel. The Ladies have called here for many years. In the winter of 1928, The Mountaineer congratulated the Strathroy girls' team on their success at the Regina ladies' tour. For the opening game up that had been brought from Regina was the ladies' trophy, secured by a raffle skipper by Mrs. Mabel Bennett, and ably supported by Mrs. J. Stanley, Zelma Blundell, and Helen Miller. These girls won beautiful carding sets. A raffle skipper by Mrs. A. A. Peters assisted by Mrs. Helen Hartman, Mrs. C. Thord and Mrs. Connie Gerasimoff has been in the prizes at Regina these many years.

The veterans of Zone Three District Four have a challenge cup for which they play each season. This year we hold the job. A Veteran's team travelled to Sarnia this year to take part in the Provincial Open Bonspiel. Personnel of this team was A. A. Peters (skip), Merv Monteith, Fred Fletcher Jr. The six team was completed in 1927 and a full club organization. Strathroy had a grand Race Meet in conjunction with the Agricultural Fair sponsored by the agricultural society. Mr. Harry Norman, a pioneer in this field had a fine horse show in the arena, but had a wonderful prospect in another (Addie Mae) Addie Mae, 10 ft. 1 in. who was running at the moment races. Many good horses raced here and it was a convenient location before going on to the fair ground. Such a one was Bettie Ann, owned by Mr. F. E. and she sold for \$1,000.00 in the race. Racing was discontinued with the cancellation of the fair, since that time the horse has been following the circuit with two horses which he races, South One and Valley Sectional, shortly.

In January 1928 the town hall was opened when Mayor McKay presided at the opening. A supper was provided by the ladies of the town. The first storey of the hall comprised the town hall, chambers, post office headquarters and the fire hall. The second storey had a dance hall and stage. In 1928 the fire floor contained the office of the public health nurse and the fire equipment. The R. M.P. headquarters have been moved to the residence of the police. The second storey is tenanted to the Metonic order.

Pride of the town is the Memorial Hall built in 1948. Material used was an R.C.A.F. recreation hall dismantled and transported 80 miles in several truckloads. Len Bennett, returned from Vancouver, contracted the job. The \$30,000.00 theater is the product of

untiring volunteer labor and various fund raising projects. It has a fine stage. The floor slopes toward the stage and stationary seats furnish comfortable accommodation for 350. Movies are shown four nights each week. The deep spacious basement is the dance floor. It is equipped with modern kitchen for serving. There is also an ab room and a suite of rooms for the resident caretaker. This hall was predicted to be too large, too elaborate, too expensive when planned by one who knew it; it is none of these three. Strasburg has a recreation centre to be proud of—and she is proud of it.

Young blood must have its course, ad,

Avoid every dog h i day

## THE BAND

By 1907 Strasburg Band was decked out in full uniform. This is the first we can find regarding the story of our Band so we presume it was producing music worthy of the uniforms etc. The Band sponsored the New Year's dance that year. Its members travel led to Brandon that year in July to perform at the fair. Fare for the round trip was \$5.00 so many citizens accompanied the musicians. The bandstand set up which are still to be found on our sports grounds west of town in 1910 and outdoor band concerts were held on occasions. This bandstand has been around, being moved from its original location at the east end of Main Street to the old fair grounds back to its original site or to a recent location on Main Street and now to the new sports grounds west of the school. A bandstand was erected in the park in the same year. The 18-piece band was under the baton of Mr. Bell and in 1912 contained such personnel as Bill Survey, Mr. Timbley, A. F. Correll, D. Cornespeare, Mr. Bishop, M. Ketchen, Wes McNaughton, Bert Luttrell, Wes Ray, Alex Mayell, H. E. Kuhn, Ed Agnew, Fred Loosenrode, Dunc Renaude, Bill Boitrel, Bill Leland, B. Bennett and Ed Dolsen.



Strasburg Band 1912



Four Generations  
Karl Moeller Family—  
1884 - 1984

This was a very active town band, for it supplied music at picnics, at the opera house between acts and a fire dance orchestra was chosen from its personnel. Mr. Loosemoore took over as Bandmaster and kept the band together. Rev. A. E. Whitehouse conducted the band while Mr. Loosemoore was overseas. Upon his returning Mr. Loosemoore resumed his duties in 1926, when he returned to Eng and In 1931 and again in 1932 the Strasbourg Band won the Provincial Shield for town bands at Saskatoon. This winter our hockey team journeyed to Moose Jaw to play Weyburn. The same train conveyed the Loosemoore Band to broadcast a concert over CHAB. For a time John Yung of Bu-ya-ya kept the band together and after a fine performance for the Coronation celebration in 1937 the band was dismissed in 1937 Mr. Stewart Aitkens who was teaching grades seven and eight organized a junior mixed band. Most of these boys and girls ranged in age from ten to seventeen. The majority had no musical training whatever. A few came to the first practice more because they had Dad's instrument, than they ever expected to play it. Mr. Aitkens gave out instruments belonging to the town to the remainder to balance the band as he saw fit. The town was full of all manner of weird toots and blasts coming from every corner. The kids kept their tongues in their cheeks and prayed that winter would not set in early that they would be forced to hear all that indoors. But a band was in the making. Everyone had missed the senior band so much in the past few years. In less than three months Mr. Aitkens had a twenty-eight piece band performing most creditably. Pansy Wong as the attractive Majorette led the band in the Coronation Parade in 1937 and on several other occasions. This band took active part in picnics and on sports days in the same areas as had the Loosemoore Band. A great deal of credit was due to Stew Aitkens for his time and voluntary effort he spent on this group. The kids could play and the parents agreed each was worth a uniform. The mothers made uniforms consisting of white slacks with a black stripe down the leg and deep Copenhagen jackets trimmed with gold braid and buttons, all white scarfs or caps with black visors (to take the place of the white scarf scarfs first worn).

Mr. Aitkens joined the army and the principal of the school, Mr. McMillan, took over as bandmaster from 1940-1941. When this band played at Glen Harbour on July 1st, 1941, it was the last performance of an organized band for some fourteen years. Some \$2,000.00 worth of musical instruments were lying idle in the school attic and several of our bandmen of both previous bands were giving their services to bands of other towns. These facts decided there was everything at home for a band, even a leader.

Mr. Ray Specier Vice Principal of the High School got a band together this spring. They held practices in the old Last Mountain Hotel and played to the public by opening the door each Sunday evening after church when the weather permitted. Strasbourg is proud that she has a band again and is looking forward to an invitation to their band concert any time now.

A tutor who tooted the flute,  
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot

Said the two to the tutor  
"Is it harder to toot  
Or to tutor two tooters to toot?"



Strasbourg  
Main Street  
1968

## POST OFFICE

I try to read a magazine, a book,  
I feel no better,  
Then ah—ah—oh look,  
There comes—a letter

The earliest pioneers got their mail from Reginald Mr. Hinckley is said to have walked to and from Reginald with the mail for the surrounding pioneer neighbors which was distributed from his shack south of the present town site. He kept a small supply of staples along with the post office. Then Messrs. Andrew Warmie and Chaliford kept the post office in this order. Some of the pioneers had their mail sent to Lumsden and it was brought to Penetanguishene P.O. in the McLean's open home and Southcote P.O. at the home of Jas. Smailes on his route to Arlington Beach each Saturday. When the Strasbourg Station P.O. opened mail for the farthest south and west so it was distributed from Edenkerle P.O. in the home of H.C. Moss and from the home of Mr. Clarke or the Southcote P.O. Mr. Harold Adams covered this route weekly a ways by means of horse transportation for over 25 years. Regardless of roads or weather we question if he missed a Saturday in the entire span as mail carrier. Mr. Adams obliged quite as many folks along the mail route as John Petersbridge ever did in the name of western neighborliness. The Edenkerle rural P.O. lasted longer than most and was moved to the A.E. Dozen home about 1919. After Mr. Adams' retirement, Mr. A.E. Dozen carried the mail. By 1946 there was no need of a rural P.O. and Edenkerle too closed. Another door had closed on pioneer life.

Since the original name Strasbourg had been given to the first P.O. the P.O. within the town limits had to be registered Strasbourg station hence it is today. The first location of Strasbourg Station P.O. was in the Real Estate Office at Mr. Steadman where Mary's Cafe is now. Mr. Charles Rowe was postmaster. The Post Office was moved to the building now owned by A.A. Peters until 1949 when up to date quarters were rented from Monte Kiteen by the Postmaster General of Canada. This office is modernly equipped and provides approximately 500 boxes. Mr. Keyser a brother-in-law of the first postkeeper Mr. P. Lemon succeeded Mr. Rowe upon Mr. Keyser's death in 1922. Mr. Walter Hemingway a stone mason by trade was appointed postmaster. Mr. Hemingway served in this capacity until his retirement Nov. 30, 1947. At this time assistant Postmaster W.L. Mitchell carried on until F.J. Bieber Jr. was appointed Postmaster which position he held until July 1955. Mr. Keppel of Far Grey is serving as Postmaster and a permanent man is appointed. On Jan. 21, 1908 the Postmaster General's report showed that more business was transacted in Strasbourg than in Gowan Bay, Nokomis and Wanigan combined. Forty seven years later it ranks as one of the province's big business centres for post offices of its class.

But presently at thy sound  
One trumpet makes and all around  
The music things are raised and  
Then I know the band will play again

And suddenly as thunder roars  
The horns and trumpets, flutes and drums  
Crash into glorious noise that breaks  
All over us in little shakers



First Automobiles  
1912

## CEMETERY

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."*

On some of the homesteaders' farms we may come upon a rough stone or a small white cross on which we may be able to read a name and a date. It is the only testimony that a loved one had been buried there. For at that time there was no burial ground within thirty or even sixty miles. The first Strasburg Cemetery is on the Albert Oehler farm and many beloved homesteaders and neighbors are buried in it. By 1920 the Strasburg Council saw the need of enlarging the cemetery. Thinking a location nearer the town would perhaps induce people to take greater pride in the grounds and allow them to visit the graves more often, they bought a cemetery site from Mrs. McGee.

Our present Crescent Road Cemetery consists of four acres of nicely grassed grounds surrounded with trees and a hedge. Toward the centre back, a heart-shaped plot is reserved for the war dead. In this Veterans Plot stands a majestic Cenotaph on which are engraved the names of some 41 veterans. The Cenotaph is a fine display of stone work modelled by Len Bennett. Mr. W. Schofield landscaped the cemetery with walks and roads as they are now. He also supervised the planting of the trees and hedge. There are three or four flower beds on the grounds. These have produced some fine displays of peonies through the years. City undertakers compliment our people on this cemetery. Much of the care of it has been in the hands of Mr. W. J. Mitchell and Mr. H. Munro since the passing of Mr. Williams and Mr. George Pine.

Fifty years ago, folks lived, toiled, worked, grieved and laid down their tools for the last rest as do the descendants of 1955.

We who are left, how shall we look again  
Happily on the sun or feel the rain  
Without remembering how they who went  
Ungrudgingly and spent  
Their lives for us loved, too, the sun and the rain?

## FIRE PROTECTION

For fire pays no wages

Many dangerous prairie fires swept the town and district from time to time. With only a bucket brigade consisting of local citizens and water pumped or drawn from lakes, wells or troughs, the people of the town felt it necessary for better fire equipment. A chemical engine was purchased by the town about 1907 and was operated from time to time by Messrs. Sam Watson, William Stutely and William Mitchell. In 1909 a one-cylinder pump engine was added to the already much-used fire equipment. One of its earliest operators was Mr. George Dickey. A large fire truck was purchased in 1948, which still serves the town. Other fire equipment is sixteen hundred feet of hose, three hydrants, and water taken from C.P.R. supply about one and a half miles west of town. Former Fire Chiefs were Jack Tarr, Earl Stanford, Al Holmes, Sam Wilson, William Stutely, Al Keyser and Fred Bieber, the latter is still serving.

## PRINTING OFFICE

Full of wise saws, and modern instances—Shakespeare

The first 'Strasburg Mountaineer' was published in the spectacular year of 1906, edited weekly by Horne and Lester Smale. A Land Co. circular of the day describes it as an excellent newspaper which has done much to make the name of the valley known to the outside world. A few years later Messrs. D. Renauld, Frank Banting and J. McGowan edited the paper under the name of the Mountaineer Printing Co. These men dissolved partnership after a short time and went their respective ways. Lester Smale returned to continue as an editor until he sold out to W. Richardson in May, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson carry out the business and occupy the original building known as the Mountaineer Office. News items are frequently quoted from this weekly paper over the Prairie News Broadcast from CBK, Watrous, each Sunday morning. The circulation of the 'Strasburg Mountaineer' in this Jubilee Year is around four hundred papers, half of which are mailed to various places on the North American continent. We have it on good authority from many in Strasburg, that next best to a letter from home is the home paper and its arrival is even more regular.

## CANADIAN LEGION

The Strasbourg branch of the Canadian British Empire Service League was organized in Jan., 1926, with the following officers, President A. A. Peters, Hon. Presidents Len Sellers and Mr. Matheson Vice-President Len Bennett, Secretary Jack McRobbie.

The Legion was instrumental in building the Memorial Hall, the administration of which and running of the picture show is now their main duty. The present officers are President, Art Smith, Secretary, Jim Miller.

The Great War Veterans was the original Legion and it was formed in 1920 but there are no known records of it.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion was organized in May 1940 with Mrs. W. J. Mitchell as president and Mrs. W. Richardson as Secretary. During the war they raised money to send parcels overseas and collected scrap. Now their main duty is to send comforts to the men still remaining in hospitals, and parcels to Korea. The present officers are President, Mrs. A. Peters, Secretary, Mrs. Fred Houston, Treasurer Mrs. Anna Hansen.

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

A meeting was held in the Masonic Lodge room at Strasbourg on the afternoon and evening of Monday, October 23, 1922, for the purpose of organizing the Strasbourg Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Visitors were present from Regina, Semans and Cuper.

The following officers were appointed: Mrs. Cara A. Palmerer, Mr. S. D. McGee and Mrs. Lilian M. Hicks.

The elected officers were as follows: Mrs. Ethel Seller, Mrs. Hanna McGee, Mrs. Amy R. Henry, Mrs. Jeanette Borland, Mrs. Euphemia Hotham, Mrs. Laura Good, Mrs. Frances P. Stanford, Mrs. Florence M. Lawson, Mrs. Anna Campbell, Mrs. Anna Steffen, Mrs. Gladys Cunningham, Miss Estie Hemingway, Miss Ida Hotham and J. H. Good.

The afternoon session adjourned at 6:30 and all attended a banquet at the Strasbourg Hotel.

## MASONIC ORDER

The idea of starting a Masonic Lodge in Strasbourg was first talked over by the local brethren in and around town during the summer of 1906, and they finally decided to have a banquet and further discuss the matter.

Accordingly a banquet was held in the latter part of October in the Strasbourg Hotel, to which every Mason in the district was invited.

The question of forming a Lodge was taken up very enthusiastically, and M. M. Allen was appointed secretary to secure the necessary information.

Here the matter rested for some time. Finally on Monday, Feb. 3rd, 1908, a meeting was called in the annex of the Strasbourg Hotel, and the following brethren were present: Duncan Pierce, W. A. Seewell, Thomas Sharp, A. H. Langriff, M. P. Lemon, A. W. Hotham, A. Leonard, R. J. Wells, J. A. Hill, J. Meggernan, M. J. McLean, W. T. Falls, W. R. Bradley, R. W. Morris, John McKenzie.

Strasbourg Lodge, No. 46, A.F. & A.M. formally came into being at this meeting with the following officers: W. M. J. A. Hill, S.W.D. Pierce, J. W. A. W. Hotham, Treasurer, R. J. Wells, Secretary, W. A. Seewell.

On Thursday, July 9th, 1908, Strasbourg Lodge was instituted by F. S. Thompson of Our Appellee and F. S. Proctor, D.D.G.M.



Breaking  
soil  
Strasbourg Area  
1908

## STRASBOURG 4-H HOMECRAFT CLUB

Organized in 1953 President Doreen Carr, Sec. Treas., Jean McKenzie	Project, beginners dressmaking.
	Leader, Mrs. Vern Nordal
	Asst. Leader, Mrs. C. Glendinning
	Membership 9
Second year:	President, Winnie Taylor Project, beginners dressmaking. The well-dressed girl
Third year:	Present organization into two groups. Two Presidents, Jean McKenzie and Linda Stolt Supervisory Committee appointed with Mrs. A. Hiltman as convener Membership 18

Activities have included a tea for the mothers District Conference at Moose Jaw, Educational fairs and talks by the Public Health Nurse, Sewing demonstration by the Singer Co. Banquet and lunches served at the local 4-H Fair Club Activities Achievement days have been more successful and fully supported by the Community. In August of 1955 was the 4-H Homecraft Float entered in the Jubilee Sports Day parade, presenting the method of dressmaking 50 years ago in comparison to the modern method. A prize was won. Generous donations from the McElroy Municipality, The Wheat Pool Committee and the Southgate Dodgers Club have greatly helped to maintain the finances of the club. The Strasbourg merchants have also been very generous. It is by the support of the local organizations and people that this club attributes its success.

## THE 1955 EX-SERVICE MEN

H. C. Klein, J. McGuinness, N. Heavides, Art Smith, Bill Pire, A. A. Peters, H. Benbow, R. Younce, D. Heckman, Geo. Beccourt, Rev. Flowers, J. Miller, J. S. Fromm, R. Lockery, T. R. Currie, Anton J. Nordal, Earl Cochrane, Frank Strickert, J. H. Stephen, L. H. Brown, Geo. Schultz, Alex Fraser, Les Hansen, Cec. I. Jenkins, A. O. Keyser, Frank Uhl, Lorne Barr, L. V. Prowse, D. J. Heavides, O. Howe, R. Scarth, Wm. Gally, Sr., G. Hastie, John E. Schwandt, I. McKay, H. Munro, S. Kerr, Wm. Heintz, W. S. Currie

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."*

## KILLED IN ACTION, 1914 to 1918

R. Baird, A. M. Cooper, J. Clark, G. Coverdale, W. Costrell, V. Edwards, G. P. Flavelle, A. Flook, A. V. Gruchy, C. H. Gruchy, H. Hoss, A. Johnson, F. Kingston, C. Kendall, C. Keeeson, J. Kerr, C. Kerr, T. Logan, J. Lucas, T. Lucas, S. McCaw, J. B. McPhee, T. Ramsey, J. Shields, H. Tosh, G. Venables, H. Ward, W. Ward, R. Wright, F. Wilmington.

## KILLED IN ACTION, 1939 to 1945

G. Denison, C. Gruchy, G. Grizfeldt, A. Kingston, W. Lynn, G. McIvor, W. Retzer, R. Rumel, M. Smythe, E. Schwandt, R. Milche

## R.C.M.P.

Strasbourg has literally kept the law since the inception of the town. At least as early as 1905 pioneers can recall a young chap by the name of Paddy White, riding horseback across the prairie. He wore the uniform of the R.C.M.P. He had to depend upon the settlers' homes to furnish a meal for himself and his horse. He was a welcome guest. The first storey of the hall contained two cells. The living quarters for the police have been on the ground floor of this hall from time to time. Strasbourg has watched several members of the R.C.M.P. earn their promotions. Const. Jerry Carron who was stationed here for many years, is now second in command of the criminology Dept. at Ottawa. This detachment is in charge of Const. McCombe at present. The R.C.M.P. here is under the jurisdiction of Inspector Tom Horn. Insp. Horn was born at Marathon, the son of a pioneer family.

Mr L A Sellers practised law here for nearly forty years. Mr Calhoun served as lawyer 15 years before he sold his practice to Mr A A Peters. Mr Thomas Neelands was in partnership with Mr Calhoun for a few years. We recall such names as Mr H B Devine Mr E Edwards Mr John Lutz, Mr W J Wallen. Mr W D McKay has acted in this legal capacity for thirty-four years.

### STRASBOURG AND COMMUNITY BOOSTER CLUB

As this name implies this club was organized in March 1954 to literally boost Strasbourg and the surrounding area. A prime purpose was to promote sports and recreational activities in the community. The organizational meeting was called by the council of the Town of Strasbourg. Since being organized the Club has been instrumental in getting the sports park rounded into shape and promoted the 1954 and 1955 Sports Days and also a very good ice show and fall carnival in the park. A start has been made particularly with the youngsters in an effort to bring sports back to Strasbourg. The latest undertaking is the Jubilee Celebration Nov 16 1955. Present officers are Ken McKay President T R Currie Sec Treas W H Deby V Schwandt Fred P Fehner K E Campbell F J A Bieber Jim Schwandt Rev Specken Bill Heintz Jim Moller Bob Kerr J F Hubick Jr Alan Cratwell Ted Hubick Mai Schwandt Drew Gichrist Walter Schwandt Jake Scherle Harry Gustafson Earl Cochrane Reg Bracken Cecil Jenkins Bill Stolt Art Smith Geo Kerr, Stan Currie.

Pioneers invited to the Jubilee Celebration held on Nov 16th 1955.

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